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Exercise normal safety precautions in Portugal. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. Bushfires are common during summer months in the inland areas of Portugal. Monitor local media reports for updates and follow the instructions of local authorities. See [Natural disasters](#). Strikes and demonstrations affecting transport services occur regularly in Portugal, particularly in Lisbon and often with little warning. Monitor local media, avoid demonstrations and be ready to adjust your travel plans. See [Local travel](#). Terrorism is a threat in Europe. Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Portugal at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Portugal. Vaccination against Hepatitis B should be considered by frequent travellers or those intending on a long stay.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Portugal should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Portugal forms part of the Schengen Area. Australian passport holders are usually allowed to enter the Schengen Area for Tourism or Business purposes for up to 90 days in any 180 day period without a visa.

The countries which make up the Schengen Area are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Travellers to the Schengen Area are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. Travellers are also recommended to be able to provide documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their onward destination.

For further information and to confirm that you are able to travel to the Schengen Area without a visa, please contact a Portuguese mission on the details below.

Portuguese Representation in Australia

Embassy of Portugal, Canberra

Suites 8 & 9, Stephen House
32 Thesiger Court
DEAKIN ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6260 4970
Fax: (02) 6281 4387

Web: www.camberra.embaixadaportugal.mne.pt/en/

Consulate General of Portugal, Sydney

Level 17, 55 Clarence Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9262 2199

Web: www.consulportugalsydney.org.au

Portugal also maintains honorary consulates throughout Australia. However, the two posts previously outlined should first be contacted as honorary consulates offer limited services.



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Time Differences between Portugal and Australia

Portugal is Greenwich Mean Time +/- hours (+1 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Western European Time (WET) or (WEST) in Summer. Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Portugal, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 8pm, Darwin 9:30pm, Brisbane 10pm, Adelaide 10:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 11pm.
Portugal, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 7pm, Darwin, Adelaide 8:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Portugal: +351

To Dial Australia Call:
00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
800 800 610 (not available from mobile phones)

Travelex Card Services:
800 880 432

Visa Global Assist:
800 844 034

MasterCard:
800 811 272

American Express Credit Cards:
800 208 532

American Express Travellers Cheques:
800 205 598

Emergency Services: 112

The emergency services should usually have English speaking staff.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Portugal

Embassy of Australia, Portugal

Avenida da Liberdade, 200, 2nd Floor
LISBON 1250-147

Tel: (+351 21) 310 1500

Fax: (+351 21) 310 1555

Web: www.portugal.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Portugal are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Lisbon, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Portugal and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Portugal from a non EU state:
 Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages;
 as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for air and sea travellers,
 €300 for others and €150 for those under 15 years.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering Portugal and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entering either country. For information on European Customs regulations please visit www.ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/individuals, or for information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug Type: USA. Portugal also uses its own modem plug type in some areas

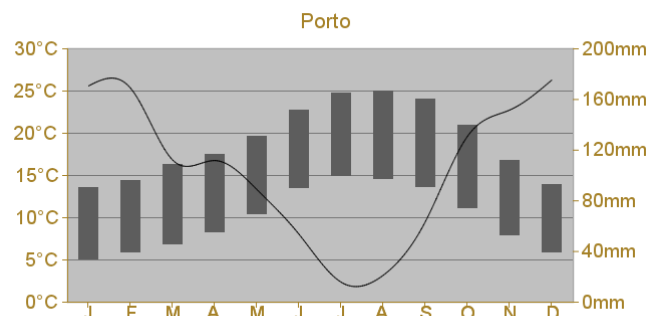
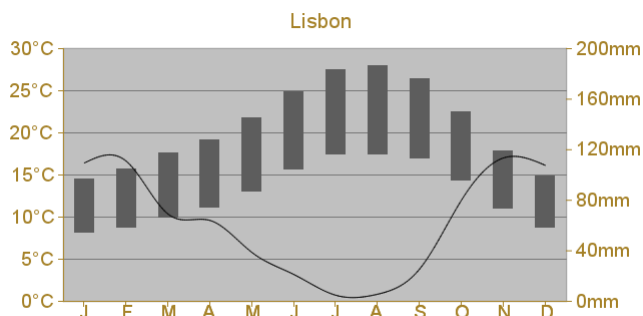
Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Portuguese Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day	15 Aug: Assumption
30 Mar: Good Friday	05 Oct: Republic Day
01 Apr: Easter	01 Nov: All Saints' Day
25 Apr: Freedom Day	01 Dec: Independence Day
01 May: Workers Day	08 Dec: Immaculate Conception
31 May: Corpus Christi	25 Dec: Christmas Day
10 Jun: Portugal Day	

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Portugal



Source: Instituto de Meteorologia Portugal. For local forecasts please go to www.ipma.pt/en or www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro in Portugal and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac Portugal: €3.20 (EUR) = 5.07 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Portugal is therefore 15% less expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

€0.50 = \$0.82 AUD	€10 = \$16.47 AUD	€100 = \$164.73 AUD
€1 = \$1.65 AUD	€20 = \$32.95 AUD	€200 = \$329.47 AUD
€2 = \$3.29 AUD	€30 = \$49.42 AUD	€300 = \$494.20 AUD
€3 = \$4.94 AUD	€40 = \$65.89 AUD	€400 = \$658.94 AUD
€4 = \$6.59 AUD	€50 = \$82.37 AUD	€500 = \$823.67 AUD
€5 = \$8.24 AUD	€60 = \$98.84 AUD	€600 = \$988.40 AUD
€6 = \$9.88 AUD	€70 = \$115.31 AUD	€700 = \$1,153.14 AUD
€7 = \$11.53 AUD	€80 = \$131.79 AUD	€800 = \$1,317.87 AUD
€8 = \$13.18 AUD	€90 = \$148.26 AUD	€900 = \$1,482.61 AUD
€9 = \$14.83 AUD	€1,000 = \$1,647.34 AUD	

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Portugal is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common in Portugal but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale.





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About Portugal

Full Name: Republica Portuguesa
(Portuguese Republic)

Formed: 1143 (Kingdom of Portugal).

Size: 92,090 sq km (30% larger than Tasmania).

Population: 10.7 million (50% the size of Australia). Lisbon 2.8 mil; Porto 1.3 mil;

Ethnicity: Homogeneously Mediterranean.

Language: Portuguese.

Religion: Catholic 85%, other Christian 2.2%, other 0.3%, unknown 9%, none 4%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$23,000 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- 210 BC - Rome begins to conquer the Iberian Peninsula.
- 409 AD - German tribes conquer Iberia.
- 711-1249 - North African Muslim Moors conquer & rule most of Iberia.
- 722-1492 - Reconquista, North Iberian Christians gradually conquer the Muslim Iberian Kingdoms.
- 1139 - Kingdom of Portugal declared.
- 1249 - Portugal establishes its present day borders.
- 1348-49 - Black Death claims one third of the population of Portugal.
- 1498 - Vasco da Gama sails to India, the Age of Discovery begins. Portugal becomes a world power claiming many colonies, including Brazil, Goa & Macau.
- 1580-1640 - Portugal is governed by the Spanish Crown.
- 1755 - Lisbon earthquake kills 70,000.
- 1822 - Brazil declares independence.
- 1910 - Revolution ends the monarchy.
- 1974 - Fascist regime falls. Carnation revolution restores democracy.

